



**EAU CLAIRE**  
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

# **2013-2014**

## **Middle School Course Catalog Grade 6**

ECASD VISION: "All children in the district are prepared for post-secondary success."

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## **Non-Discrimination Policy**

The Eau Claire Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, creed, age, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital status or parental status, sexual orientation or disability.

All Eau Claire Area School District Career & Technical Education program and classes are offered to students regardless of their sex, race, color, religion, creed, age, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital status or parental status, sexual orientation or disability.

## Specialized Programs

- **Alternate Programming:** The Eau Claire Area School District provides academic support for students with additional educational needs. For example, *READ 180* is a comprehensive reading intervention program proven to meet the needs of struggling readers. The program directly addresses individual needs through differentiated instruction, adaptive and instructional software, high-interest literature and non-fiction, and direct instruction in reading, writing, and vocabulary skills. Read 180 is delivered for 90 minutes a day for identified students. Eau Claire Area School District's Secondary Literacy Coordinator is Melissa Olson (852-4710, [molson2@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:molson2@ecasd.k12.wi.us) ).
- **English Language Learners:** Students who speak a language other than English at home may qualify for English Language Learner (ELL) support. For additional information on ELL services, you may contact the district English Language Learners Resource Teacher, Kristen Gundry, at 852-3071 or [kgundry@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:kgundry@ecasd.k12.wi.us) . You may also contact district bilingual helpline at 715-852-3555.
- **Gifted Education:** The Eau Claire Area School District provides for the special learning needs of students who exhibit gifted behavior in any of the following areas: General Intellectual Ability, Specific Academic Ability, Artistic Ability (including art, music, drama), Leadership Ability, and Creative Ability.

Students are assessed for appropriate math, science, and language arts placement during their middle school years. Students who qualify for acceleration should contact their counselor or gifted resource teacher for further information.

Gifted Education Resource Teachers are available to provide the following services: development of enrichment activities with the classroom teacher, development of appropriate programming for students whose learning needs do not match the "age lock step pattern" of school, assistance for classroom teachers in differentiating curriculum for gifted students, assistance in planning "job shadowing" or "mentor" experiences, direct services to students (i.e., counseling, differentiated education plans).

Eau Claire Area School District's Gifted Education Coordinator is Pam Cernocky (852-5132, [pcernocky1@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:pcernocky1@ecasd.k12.wi.us)).

- **Special Education:** Special education services may be delivered in a general or special education environment; or a combination of these options. Individual Educational Plans (IEP) are designed to meet the student's educational needs with accommodations and/or modifications. Course selection decisions are made based on the student's IEP. Most special education courses parallel traditional core academic offerings, but some are significantly modified in content and focus. See your school counselor or IEP manager for more information. You may also contact the district Director of Special Education and Student Services, Robyn Criego, at 852-3074 or [rcriego@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:rcriego@ecasd.k12.wi.us) .

**GRADE SIX**  
**COURSE OFFERINGS**

Each sixth grade student will have a schedule similar to the one listed below:

1	period of English	daily – all year
1	period of Reading	daily – all year
1	period of Mathematics	daily – all year
1	period of Science	daily – all year
1	period of Social Studies	daily – all year
1	period of: Art, Computer Applications	daily – one semester daily – one semester
1	period of: Physical Education	alternate days – all year
1	period of: choice of Band, Chorus, Exploring Music, or Orchestra	alternate days – all year

## Grade 6 Required Courses

**6100**      **English 6**      Grade 6      Required      Year

English 6 emphasizes the teaching of all communicative arts (writing, spelling, listening, speaking) in an integrated process. Students will have the opportunity to write and speak on self-selected as well as assigned topics. Skills will be taught within the writing process and reinforced with the district-selected materials. Organizational/study skills will also be emphasized.

**6200**      **Math 6**      Grade 6      Required      Year

Mathematics at the sixth grade level consists of individual units with each unit developing a major concept or cluster of related concepts. Topics to be covered include number theory, data investigation, probability, reasoning about shapes and their properties, understanding and using rational numbers, and measurement and spatial visualization. Instruction emphasizes inquiry and reasoning using manipulatives and technology. The Connected Math materials used encourage higher-level thinking, but both remediation and enrichment are provided to meet individual needs.

**6050**      **Reading 6**      Grade 6      Required      Year

Reading 6 is designed to encourage reading as a lifelong activity for learning and recreation. The emphasis is on developing reading strategies that include setting purpose, monitoring comprehension/understanding, and critical thinking. A wide variety of fiction, non-fiction, and content materials are used.

**6400**      **Science 6**      Grade 6      Required      Year

This is an all-year general science course that includes the following units: Introductory Chemistry and Science Systems (Solar Systems, Inside Earth Systems, Weather Systems, and Ecosystems). Integrated into daily lessons are the scientific method, equipment, measuring, and safety. Students will have many opportunities to observe and perform experiments.

**6300**      **Social Studies 6**      Grade 6      Required      Year

The sixth grade social studies curriculum is focused on world geography. Our primary theme is global understanding in combination with the Six Essential Elements of Geography. The sixth grade social studies program will organize geographical concepts and stimulate problem solving, critical thinking, and decision-making skills.

## Grade 6 Required Courses

<b>6610</b>	<b>Art 6</b>	Grade 6	Required	Semester
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Art 6 is studio-based and builds on concepts and skills from elementary art classes. Students will be introduced to new art experiences through the process of creating their own works of art in drawing, painting, and sculpture. Students will apply new art-making techniques, develop existing art skills, employ the power of their imaginations, reawaken their creativity and learn to solve problems from an artist's point of view. Students will discover and develop stories within works of art work through self-reflection and critiquing the aesthetic qualities of art. Emphasis will be placed on the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design, careers in art and design, a variety of art styles and art history/diversity, developing good craftsmanship, innovative ideas, caring for materials, and working well with others.

<b>6630</b>	<b>Computer Applications</b>	Grade 6	Required	Semester
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Wisconsin Information Technology Literacy Standards will be met as students learn to use Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, and PowerPoint. Students will work with scanners, digital cameras, e-mail, and the Internet. Keyboarding, formatting, composition, language arts, and decision-making skills will improve as students complete assignments using integrated software.

<b>6700</b>	<b>Physical Education 6</b>	Grade 6	Required	Year - Alternate Days
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The sixth grade curriculum will provide activities emphasizing total fitness. Emphasis is placed on participation and skill development. Teamwork, cooperation, fitness, and effort are all stressed at this level. A physical education shirt purchased from the school is required.

## Grade 6 Music Electives

6900	<b>Band 6</b>	Grade 6	Meets Music Requirement	Year - Alternate Days
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Sixth Grade Band is a class for students who wish to learn to play a band instrument. No previous music experience is necessary. Free lessons are given during the summer to all beginning band students. Students will learn the basics of playing a band instrument including maintaining the instrument, reading music, and learning to perform in a large group. The student's choice of instrument must be approved by the band director. Participation in concerts will constitute part of the student's grade. Beginning band class meets every other day in a group sectional with similar instruments. This course has a dress code for all performances. A band shirt purchased from the school is required.

6910	<b>Chorus 6</b>	Grade 6	Meets Music Requirement	Year - Alternate Days
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Chorus Six is designed to give students a chance to experience the elements of music through singing and performing in concerts. Emphasis will be placed on building musicianship by developing healthy singing techniques, as well as competency in beginning music theory. Opportunities may be available for students to perform solos and participate in musicals and select ensembles. Students will be expected to perform in concerts, and participation in these concerts will make up a portion of the student's grade. This course has a dress code for all performances. A chorus shirt purchased from the school is required at DeLong and Northstar only.

6920	<b>Exploring Music 6</b>	Grade 6	Meets Music Requirement	Year - Alternate Days
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Exploring Music Six is designed to give sixth grade students a chance to experience the elements of music through singing, playing piano keyboards, listening, and performing in class. It will include sight singing and ear-training activities as well as a broad study of many types of music.

6930	<b>Orchestra 6</b>	Grade 6	Meets Music Requirement	Year - Alternate Days
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Sixth Grade Orchestra is for students who want to play a stringed instrument such as the violin, viola, cello, bass, or harp (students need previous experience to start harp in sixth grade). Free lessons are given during the summer to all sixth grade orchestra students. Participating in concerts will constitute part of the student's grade. Beginning orchestra meets every other day as an orchestra with all string instruments. This course has a dress code for all performances. Students may be expected to purchase some supplies. An orchestra shirt purchased from the school is required at DeLong and Northstar only.